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information on conditions in the prisons of Aiud, in Transylvania, and the
names of some of the military and civilian prisoners interned there. The
information is given below.

2. "At one time only criminals were interned in the prisons of Aiud, but now
political prisoners are also being kept there. There are 3,000 political
internees in these prisons, many of them have not even been tried yet. They
are put to work, some on the premises of their prisons, others in the neigh-
boring lead mines, and some are even sent to help with the building of the
Danube-Black Sea Canal. Generally speaking, all political prisoners under
45 years of age and considered in good health are forced to work. The type
of work they do depends on the kind of sentence they receive. Those sen-
tenced to ten years or more are sent to the lead mines, those sentenced to
less than ten years are made to work on the Canal, but the majority of them
are employed in the various prison workshops. The criminal prisoners only
are allowed to work outside the prisons other than in the mines or on the
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4. "Among the political prisoners interned in the prisons of Aiud, there are a few who had been members of the no longer existing organization of the Iron Guards. Heading the list of these prisoners is Nicolas Batrascu, former secretary general of the Iron Guards. In the first few years after World War II Batrascu collaborated intensively with the Communist government of his country. Even though he is now in prison he is again trying to collaborate. On more than one occasion he has asked the prison head to see whether he could arrange a 'reeducation course' in political views for the prisoners. He is interested that the course be attended solely by the former members of the Iron Guards, now prisoners, who might be interested in joining the Communist Party.
5. "The following persons are among the political and military prisoners held in the prisons of Aiud:

Cezar Simionescu, former deputy of Iuliu Maniu's National Peasant Party.
Condescu Eftimie, Toma Matei, and Mocanu, all four naval commanders; Mocanu's son is also interned with him.
Rici Hillard, a university professor. He has not been tried yet.
Istrate Micescu, a former university professor and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs. Micescu had been falsely reported as dead. Though he lives, he is an extremely sick man.
Alexandru Bals, a former magistrate.
Emil Hategan, former Minister.
Iuliu Hategan, university professor and brother of Emil Hategan.
Dan Hurmuzescu
General Mardare, a one-time royalist aide-de-camp.
General Emil Ionescu, also a one-time royalist aide-de-camp.
Clesante Ghiorghiu who had once collaborated with the industrialist Max Aushnutt.
Prof Niculescu, one-time secretary-general at the Ministry of Education.
Gheron Netta, a one-time university professor.
Paul Zarifopol, a writer.
Box Brancovici, a physician.
Prof Alexandru Marcu, a former Minister of Propaganda.
Dan Vasiliu, an engineer and former Manager of the State's Official Bulletin.
Arrested last March by the Secret Police, he was officially reported as missing.
Commander Drimba, now a cripple as a result of torture.
General Ion Ionescu.
Victor Vojen, former commander of the Iron Guards. Arrested in October 1950, after having collaborated fully with the Communist Party.
Margeanu, an airman.
Muedin Abul-Hamid, a Moslem priest, originally from Tropaisar-Dobrudja and a member of the National Peasant Party.
Ranetescu, an airman and a former member of the Liberal Party.
G Tomaziu, painter.
Kurt Mott, former owner of the 'Mott' sparkling wine factories.
Radut, an airman.
Mircea Ionescu, an engineer and former director of the 'Pietrosani' company dealing in carbon.
Ion D Erescu, an architect and former Minister.
Ghiolu, an engineer.
Major Dan Teodorescu.
Major Ciurea.
Major Vasescu (a cavalry officer).
Iordan, former director of the National Bank of Rumania.
Etem Hagl Admet, an airman.
Luca Dumitrescu, a former official of the National Bank of Rumania.
Gherondach, a former member of the National Peasant Party and a former merchant, originally from Bucharest.
Ion Suciu, a former director of the Ministry of Arts.
Soria Tulea, an engineer.
Major Radu Sturiza.

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Titu Demetrescu, former official of the National Bank.
General Paul Teodorescu.
Admiral Aurel Macslaru.
Generals Arbore, Pamaitiu, Branzescu and Curta.
Bujoi, engineer and former Minister.
Cioran, lawyer.
Lechitan, former magistrate.
General Carlaont.
Nicolae Ghisalescu, lawyer.
Radu Zenopol, lawyer.
Radu Gyr, poet, officially reported as dead but still living.
Niki Alexandrescu, an airman.

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"During last March, a group of political prisoners, headed by the former Ambassador Vasile Stoica, were transported at the order of the 'Securitatea'---the Secret Police---from the prisons of Aiud to an unknown destination. This group was followed by other groups, also, as it seemed, taken to the same unknown destination. Reports following these transports of prisoners maintained that the men were taken from their prisons during the night and sent temporarily to Pomaria in Moldavia. From there, they were expected to be sent to the USSR. These reports, however, have so far not been confirmed. The first few transports, it seemed to observers, will precipitate others, and it is expected that all the political prisoners will be moved from the prisons of Aiud. Only former members of the Iron Guards will be left there along with the common criminals."

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